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November 21, 2013

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Commissioner

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
U.S. House of Representatives
1318 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Pingree:

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The Honorable Nick J. Rahall
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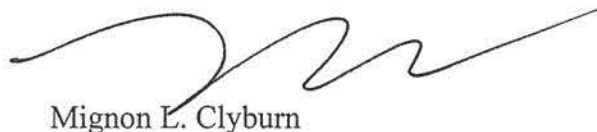
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